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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Petaluma – Hobbyist Drone Disruptions Becoming a Problem in California Wildfires, FFA Says

(U) At least two incidents of drones disrupting firefighting activities have occurred during the Northern California wildfires, according to the FAA. The FAA received two reports of incidents in which people flew drones in fire areas. One of the drone incidents took place early last week in the Santa Rosa area, and a second was in the city of Petaluma on 14 October, resulting in an arrest. From 2015 to 2016, the incidents of private drone incursions over or near wildfires grew from 12 cases to 42 across the United States, according to the Interior Department.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [CNBC](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Police Deaths on Duty Spiked in 2016, FBI Says

(U) Washington – Sixty-six police officers were killed on the job by felons in 2016, up about 61 percent from 41 deaths a year ago, according to an annual FBI report. The number was the second highest since 2011, when 72 officers were killed by felons. Forty-one officers killed last year were employed by city police departments, and 30 officers were located in the US South. The most common circumstances involved ambushes, followed by responses to disturbance calls.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Florida – FBI Warning: Fake Kidnapping Calls Are on the Rise

(U) Miami – The FBI is out with a new warning about an increase in fake kidnapping calls. Criminals are calling individuals and lying about taking a loved one, and then demanding money. The FBI launched an awareness campaign yesterday to fight the growing scam, asking the public to help find the criminals by reporting any fake kidnapping calls they have received. One incident involved a Los Angeles woman who received a call saying kidnappers had taken her daughter. She stayed on the phone for over two hours and sent close to \$4,000 dollars to Mexico as directed by the caller.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [CBS Miami](#)

(U) New York – Ahmad Rahimi Found Guilty in Chelsea Bombing Trial

(U) Manhattan – A jury found Ahmad Rahimi guilty of eight federal charges yesterday in connection with a September 2016 bombing that wounded 30 people in New York. After a two-week trial and roughly four hours of deliberation, Rahimi was convicted of numerous charges, including the use and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and bombing a public place. Rahimi faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison. Prosecutors argued that Rahimi was influenced by Osama bin Laden, ISIS, and al-Qa'ida.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – New KRACK Hack Kills Wi-Fi Privacy, Requiring Updates for Most Devices

(U) Leuven – Another widespread vulnerability affecting devices that use Wi-Fi was revealed yesterday,

allowing hackers to decrypt and potentially look at everything people are doing online. Researcher Mathy Vanhoef, from Belgian University KU Leuven, released information on his hack, dubbing it KRACK for Key Reinstallation Attack. Vanhoef explained that the hack can be abused to steal sensitive information such as credit card numbers, passwords, chat messages, emails, and photos. The attack works against all modern protected Wi-Fi networks.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [Forbes](#)

(U) Canada – \$13M Carfentanil Seizure ‘the Biggest’ in Canada, Police Say

(U) Pickering – An Oshawa man—previously arrested on more than 330 firearm charges—is now facing an additional drug charge. Durham Regional Police discovered a suspicious substance while responding to a carbon monoxide alarm at the suspect’s house on 20 September. After obtaining a warrant, authorities found 33 guns and 53 kilograms of an unknown substance in the basement of the home. Lab results showed that 42 kilograms of that substance was carfentanil, making it the biggest carfentanil seizure in Canada, according to authorities.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [CBC News](#)

(U) Syria – Hundreds of ISIS Fighters Surrender in Raqqa over Weekend

(U) Raqqa – US-backed fighters are claiming that ISIS is finished in Raqqa, after hundreds of extremists surrendered over the weekend. Remnants of ISIS gunmen remain hiding in tunnels and buildings, and US-backed forces continue to clear the city. Clearing the city of explosives laid by ISIS could take months, but the city is reportedly no longer an ISIS stronghold. The ISIS leaders who are still alive are thought to have fled south toward the border with Iraq months ago.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) Yemen – Dozens of ISIS Fighters Killed After US Strikes Yemen Camps

(U) Al Bayda – About 50 ISIS fighters were killed from US military airstrikes in Yemen targeting two training camps in the country’s central region. One of the camps had gained notoriety last week as the scene of an ISIS training video that showed images of ISIS recruits appearing to be kicked in the groin to demonstrate their physical toughness. The American airstrikes were the first targeting ISIS in Yemen, according to a US official.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) San Ysidro – Nearly 250 Pounds of Drugs Seized at California Border in One Day

(U) US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized nearly 250 pounds of drugs worth nearly \$2 million on a single day last week across the southern border of California, including \$1.2 million worth of methamphetamine at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. On 12 October, CBP officers at the San Ysidro Port of Entry searching an 18-year-old Mexican national’s vehicle found 88 pounds of meth wrapped in 32 packages hidden in a car gas tank and rocker panels. Earlier the same day, CBP officers seized 52 pounds of drugs hidden inside the gas tank of a vehicle at the Andrade Port of Entry.

SOURCE: 16 October 2017, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

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